

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Montpelier, Vermont**

TEAM: Student Support

ITEM: Will the State Board of Education vote to approve a waiver of SBE Rule 2366.2.1 (1) (a) 7 (b) to allow two supervisory unions to use core staff for the purpose of co-teaching?

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the State Board of Education vote to approve a waiver of SBE Rule 2366.2.1 (1) (a) 7 (b) to allow use of core staff for the purpose of co-teaching.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: SBE Rule 1260

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Co- teaching is an instructional model in which a classroom teacher and a special educator both deliver instruction to a class of students. Current rules regarding allowable use of special education funds do not allow co- teaching. This is considered a beneficial and effective model to deliver some special education services to students with IEPs. Data and observations from the two co-teaching pilots show positive results for students. The special education rules are being revised to allow co-teaching. Since that process will not be complete until next February or March, this waiver is requested to allow co-teaching in those schools in the state where staff training and on-going support for the model are in place.

COST IMPLICATIONS:

There should be no impact on cost as existing core staff will be used.

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